UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

18 Cr. 691 (JGK)

DARRELL MCLEOD

ORDER EX PARTE

Defendant.

UNDER SEAL

JOHN G. KOELTL, District Judge:

The Probation Office advised that it intends to conduct a consent search after previously submitting an <u>ex parte</u> application for an Order to search under the All Writs Act which was not pursued. Copies are attached.

Therefore, if the consent search is conducted, the Government should report on the results of the search with an affidavit of a person with knowledge that explains the results of the search and the circumstances showing that voluntary consent was obtained.

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

New York, New York November 18, 2020

John G. Koeltl

United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) APPLICATION FOR SEARCH ORDER
vs.)) 18-CR-691-01(JGK)
Darrell McLeod)

The United States Probation Office by its Officer Adam Pakula hereby applies to the Court for a Search Order for a residence of Darrell McLeod. Application is made pursuant to Section 1651 of Title 28 United States Code.

The purpose of this search order application is to establish reasonable cause to conduct a search of McLeod's reported residence, located at 360 East 137th Street, Apt#13H, Bronx, NY.

Darrell McLeod was sentenced before Your Honor on January 16, 2020, after pleading guilty to Distribution and Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine (21 USC 841(b)(1)(C)), a Class C Felony. He was sentenced to Time Served (17 Days), followed by a thirty-six (36) month Term of Supervised Release.

By way of background in the instant offense, Darrell McLeod conspired to distribute less than 2.8 grams of cocaine base.

Darrell McLeod commenced his term of supervision on January 16, 2020. As part of McLeod's special conditions, Your Honor ordered that McLeod participate in a six (6) month residential drug treatment program; five (5) months of location monitoring and participate in mental health treatment at the discretion of the probation office.

On January 28, 2020, McLeod entered the Odyssey House residential drug treatment program. However, on February 13, 2020, McLeod was discharged from the program as a failure due to his inability to adhere to the facility rules and regulations.

As such, on February 14, 2020, a violation of supervised release report, with a request for a warrant, was sent to Your Honor. On March 17, 2020, the Court issued a summons for March 24, 2020. The summons date has since been adjourned on several occasions.

On November 11, 2020, at approximately 7:51 AM, the undersigned officer received a call from McLeod's girlfriend, Shakeima Gonzalez. Ms. Gonzalez stated that McLeod has been threatening her and that McLeod had been banging on her door since 3 AM. The undersigned advised Ms. Gonzalez to contact the police and to file a police report.

Ms. Gonzalez did file a police report and McLeod is wanted by the NYPD for Strangulation and Aggravated Harassment. In addition, Ms. Gonzalez reported to the police and to the undersigned officer that McLeod is known to carry a firearm. In addition, Ms. Gonzalez advised the undersigned officer that she was on a facetime video call with McLeod and he showed her a firearm during the facetime call and threatened to shoot her. Ms. Gonzalez fears for her safety and wellbeing. It shall be noted that McLeod and Ms. Gonzalez do not reside at the same residence.

As previously mentioned, McLeod is in violation status. His adjustment to supervision has been poor. He is presently unemployed.

In order to determine if McLeod is in possession of any firearms or any other items that may be considered contraband, it is considered necessary and desirable to permit the U.S. Probation Department's Special Operations Response Team (SORT) to conduct a search of Darrell McLeod's residence of 360 East 137th Street, Apt#13H, Bronx, NY 10454.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that the Court issue a Search Order allowing said search.

Dated: New York, New York

November 13, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Adam Pakula
Adam Pakula
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Approved by:

Ed Johnson

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Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer

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Kathy Donald

From: Adam Pakula

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:19 PM

To: Kathy Donald

Subject: Updated information on the Darrell McLeod Search Order Application

Hi Ms. Donald,

The Judge and I spoke on Friday pertaining to the search order application that I sent to chambers. I am writing to provide further information to the Judge on this topic. The Judge had some questions relating to the search order application. I have spoken with the AUSA and at this time, there does not appear to be enough of a basis for the All Writs Search Order application. As such, our plan is to try to obtain consent to search from the leasee of McLeod's residence. The AUSA and I believe that this is the best course of action at this time. We plan on conducting this operation, in conjunction with the NYPD, on Friday.

I am available if the Judge has any additional questions or concerns. Please treat this email as confidential.

Thank you,

Adam Pakula U.S. Probation Officer Specialist SDNY (212) 805-5171